

# TOKEN HUNTER

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Dedicated to the collecting, recording and preserving  
of Utah's historical medals tokens and bottles

## \* \* \* \* PRIZES \* \* \* \* \* THIS MEETING \* \*

Promptness Prize: Free drawing. Just sign log book

### Game Prizes:

University Club SLC, g/f 5 in trade, \$15 value  
Weber Central Dairy, Ogden, g/f 1 qt. milk, \$25 value  
Diamonti's Club, g/f 10 in trade, \$15 value  
De Wit Bros Co, Ogden g/f 5 in trade, \$20 value  
Eurika Meat, g/f 10 in trade, \$18 value  
Walnut S.L.C. g/f 5 in trade, \$15 value  
Heber Mercantile Co, g/f 5 in trade, \$15 value  
Wyatt Dairy Parawan, g/f 1 gal milk, \$10 value  
NCO Club, Hill AFB, g/f \$1, white metal, \$19.50 value  
3 sizes Golden Gate P & B, worth \$25 each

Grand Prize: one-tenth ounce gold piece

### August

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Thursday, Aug 25

6:00 PM

1200 West,  
off North Temple

### Nuts Picnic

Bring your own meat to

Cook on the Grill

Also bring a potluck dish to share

# President's

## Message



I hope to see everyone at the picnic, at Phil's train car, across from the Utah Fair Grounds. Bring your own meat to cook. The club will provide drinks. Everyone should bring some food to share (pot luck).

We are going to give out silver coins for the best jokes, stories or poetry, so have some fun, and bring some funny stuff.

I need a speaker for October, so if anyone wants to share their interest with us, let me know.

We are doing Find of the Month, so bring your treasures. You will need to bring some "dinero" for when we draw for the tokens and gold.

It's been pretty hot for digging or detecting, but the weather is turning for a great fall. Karen says to keep in mind all the fires in Utah. Now the burned ground may be easy to detect.

*Rich*



# ***NUTS Picnic***

**August 25, 2005**

**at the rail car**

**6:00 PM**

**1200 West, off North Temple**

(across from the fairgrounds)

**Bring your own meat** to cook on the grill. Also bring a potluck dish to share with others. The Club will provide an assortment of drinks.

**Promptness Prize** Sign the log book, and you might win a nice coin.

**Find of the Month** Bring your best finds since last meeting,

**Game of Skill** Try for your favorite prize, and have fun.

**Ride on the Railroad.** Phil expects to be able to take people down the tracks a ways and back.

**Bring your Favorite Stories.** We will set around and swap stories jokes, and poetry. These might be true or made up, your own words, or something you got from somewhere else. There will be prizes for the ones we like the best.

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## **Last Meeting**

**Don Swain**, our Medals Chairman, brought in his collection of NUTS medals, and told about the process of getting the design ready to mint. He also gave us the history of how the first cast NUTS medals were made and some of the problems we have had in the past in getting the medals out to you each year.

**Mel Melgrom** told a story about hunting with Harry Campbell. He also brought in a display of artifacts found last month in Park City next to the fire station.

**Phil Lavargna** told of a 2400 year old treasure just found in Bulgaria.

# Find of the Month Winners in July

## US COIN

1. 1903 Penny----Mel Milgrom
2. 1984 D Penny---- Rich Secor

## FOREIGN COIN

1. 1853 France----Mel Milgrom

## TOKEN

1. 100 Maverick----Rich Secor
2. Utah Tax Token----Eldon Farnsworth

## JEWELRY

1. Ring---- Mel Milgrom
2. Mother-of-Pearl Disk----Rich Secor
2. Chain links----Karen Secor

## ARTIFACT

1. Cast Iron Owl----Rich Secor
2. Fancy Aluminum Knife---Karen Secor
2. Bennett Flour---- Mel Milgrom
3. Small Plastic----Eldon Farnsworth

## BUTTON (tie)

1. Iron Trail Special----Karen Secor
2. Brown Button----Mary Farnsworth
3. Tan & White Stripe----Eldon Farnsworth
4. Superior Brand----Rich Secor

## NON-METAL

1. Bear----Mel Milgrom
2. Doll Leg----Karen Secor

## MARBLE

1. Yellow Strip----Eldon Farnsworth
2. Clay----Karen Secor
2. Clay----Rich Secor
2. Purple Marble----Mary Farnsworth
3. Mini Bennington----Mel Milgrom

## OLDEST US COIN

1. 1902 Nickel----Mel Milgrom

## OLDEST US CENT

1. 1884---- Mel Milgrom
2. 1944----Eldon Farnsworth

## MOST VALUABLE U.S. COIN

1. 1896 Penny----Mel Milgrom

## BOTTLE

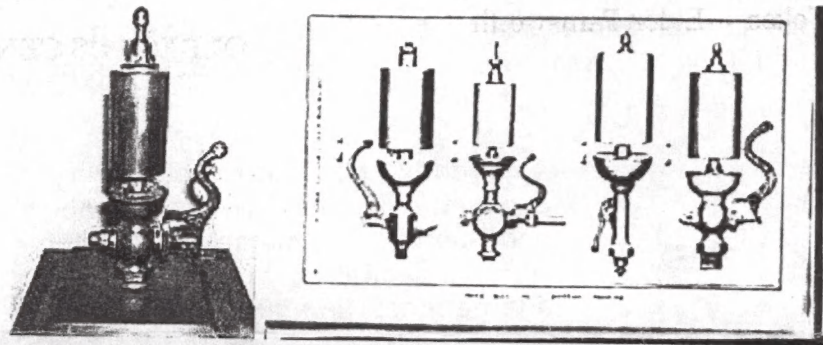
1. Mar-o-oil Shampoo Bottle----Mary Farnsworth





# Whistle History

Like a lot of other products of the industrial age, the steam whistle was invented by the British but was really improved upon and developed technologically by the Americans. Credit for its invention goes to Adrian Stevens of South Wales, England. The exact year of its invention is not well known but it is presumed to be around 1835. One of the first American industrail catalogs that shows steam whistles was published in the 1860's by a company in Haydenville, Mass called the Hayden-Gere Company



which also apparently produced a wide variety of brass plumbing fixtures. By the 1870's the Industrial Revolution was in full swing and other companies were springing up to accommodate the growing need for boiler room fixtures.

Companies like Crosby Steam Gauge, Star Brass, and American Steam Gauge and Valve Co. in Boston, Lunkenheimer

and Powell Valve Co. in Cincinnati, Buckeye Brass Works in Dayton Ohio, and the Crane Co. of Chicago evolved and produced a variety of plumbing fixtures, valves, gauges, lubricators and other items designed to accommodate the "Steam Age" and its boilers and steam engines. These companies all produced whistles but generally only to complement their complete line of boiler and steam fittings.

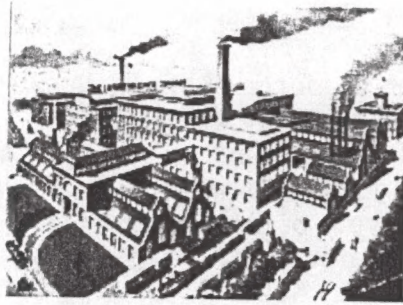
When the term "steam whistle" comes up, most people will automatically think of the whistles on steam locomotives. This was in fact one of the first uses of the steam whistle as a warning device to warn traffic at railroad crossings. However, as the industrial revolution progressed and manufacturing and mechanized agriculture flourished, practically all machinery was steam powered. Before long, everything that was mechanized had boilers and steam whistles.

Factories used whistles to announce the beginning and ending of shifts. Steam tractors used whistles to call for more coal or water. Ships used whistles signal other vessels.. Even small machine shops and foundries used small whistles as signals of various sorts. Some specialized whistles were used as fire alarms and some were used on steam powered fire engines.



# The Lunkenheimer Co.

[Lunkenheimer Co.]



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The Lunkenheimer Company was, without a doubt, the most prolific of all of the whistle manufacturers, having been in business continuously for over 125 years. It is still in business today as a manufacturer of specialty valve products. The company had its beginnings when a young German emigrant by the name of Frederick Lunkenheimer, came to Cincinnati Ohio in 1854, via New York, St Louis and New Orleans where he survived a devastating epidemic of yellow fever.



Apparently the south and slavery did not agree with Lunkenheimer and he headed north at the age of 36 and soon found himself in Cincinnati Ohio, the metal working capital of the new frontier. He went to work in a large metal foundry run by Miles Greenwood and soon worked his way up to foreman. Because of the impending civil war, the Greenwood foundries had more business than they could take care of and possibly, because of this Lunkenheimer left the Greenwood foundry in 1862 and established his own business, which he called **Cincinnati Brass Works**.

In spite of intensive competition from other metal foundries, Cincinnati Brass did well. An ad in the Williams Cincinnati Directory from 1864 for Cincinnati Brass Works offers globe valves, water, gas, and beer and steam cocks. In 1865 Lunkenheimer added steam whistles to his product list. During the post Civil War years, business thrived as the lubricators and oilers produced by Cincinnati Brass were in great demand in the burgeoning steam engine market.

On Feb. 4 1889 The Lunkenheimer Brass Works Company was established with \$250,000 of capital divided into \$100 shares. Frederick Lunkenheimer retained all but 4 of the 2500 shares and became president and general manager. Unfortunately ten weeks later Lunkenheimer died, leaving his shares to his wife and children. The family business was left in the hands of his ambitious son Edmund, who in 1884 patented several improvements to lubricators and valves and by 1900 he had 35 patents to his credit.

In 1893 the company changed its name to **The Lunkenheimer Company**. The Lunkenheimer Company is still in business today occupying some of the same building that housed its beginnings, over 125 years ago. The company has survived two World Wars and the Great Depression. Its primary product remains specialized valves. While it still makes a few small whistles, the demand is not great and whistle production has been relegated to a very small portion of the company's commercial production.



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